

The Brighton Connection

November - December 2014

BRIGHTON SEEKS RESIDENT OPINION



The City of Brighton is asking residents to participate in The National Citizen Survey™. The survey is designed to provide a baseline of how the city government

is serving residents, to gauge perceptions of the city and to make comparisons with peer cities.

The city contracted with National Research Center, Inc. to participate in The National Citizen Survey™, an instrument that was developed with the assistance of the International City/County Management Association in 2001 to provide cities with a low-cost method to conduct market research.

The survey includes questions about quality of life in the community, local policies, demographics, rating of local

government services and resident use of services.

At the end of September, 1,200 households were sent surveys in the mail asking them to participate, and their responses will be weighted and analyzed for the survey results. Following the return of the mailed surveys, an online version of the same survey will be available for the rest of the Brighton community to complete at the beginning of November. If you were not one of the residents to receive a mailed survey, we hope you will still help provide us feedback when the online survey begins. More information will be sent out on the online survey when it becomes open.

For more information on the community survey, please contact 303-655-2042.

TIPS ON HOW TO WINTERIZE YOUR VEHICLE

Check or have a mechanic check the following items on your car:

- **Antifreeze levels** - ensure they are sufficient to avoid freezing.
- **Battery and ignition system** - should be in top condition and battery terminals should be clean.
- **Brakes** - check for wear and fluid levels.
- **Exhaust system** - check for leaks and crimped pipes and repair or replace as necessary. Carbon monoxide is deadly and usually gives no warning.
- **Fuel and air filters** - replace and keep water out of the system by using additives and maintaining a full tank of gas. A full tank will keep the fuel line from freezing.
- **Heater and defroster** - ensure they work properly.
- **Lights and flashing hazard lights** - check for serviceability.
- **Oil** - check for level and weight. Heavier oils congeal more at low temperatures and do not lubricate as well.
- **Thermostat** - ensure it works properly.
- **Windshield wiper equipment** - repair any problems and maintain proper washer fluid level.
- **Install good winter tires** - Make sure the tires have adequate tread.

All-weather radials are usually adequate for most winter conditions. However, some jurisdictions require that to drive on their roads, vehicles must be equipped with chains or snow tires with studs.



Winter tips are courtesy of Ready.gov. For more information on how to prepare for winter, visit www.ready.gov/winter-weather#

Brighton Youth Commissioners to attend National League of Cities Conference in Austin, Texas this November

by Ashley Bargmann

Established in 1924, the National League of Cities (NLC) is proud to celebrate 90 years of service and excellence! The NLC Conference is the nation's largest educational event for municipalities across America. City officials everywhere, from governors to mayors, from council members to youth leaders, attend this conference. The theme this year is "Future of Cities," which will showcase different ways that cities are driving change today and how they will prepare for the future. At NLC Austin, Brighton Youth Commission (BYC) members will have the opportunity to participate in workshops and discussions regarding ways for how they can better their community. These discussions are not only a way to tell of our successes and what methods the BYC uses to carry out projects, but is also a great way to network and discover new innovative ways to create sustainability in Brighton. We have the opportunity to hear about other projects that other municipalities in our nation are working on, and what has worked in their communities. In the past, commissioners have learned very valuable skills at NLC that they have implemented into their own work with the Brighton Youth Commission. For instance, after attending a National League of Cities Conference, public speaking practically becomes second nature for many commissioners. The Brighton Youth Commission is sending 14 youth commissioners, one adult commissioner, and its staff liaison- Tawnya Russell- to this year's fall conference in Austin, TX. Those attending will be Austin Bargmann, Ashley Bargmann, Seth Armentrout, Mikayla Eisenbarth, Jordan Tedrow, Samantha Pentycote, Jean Worth, Jerrika Eisenbarth, Ronnie Martinez, Daniel Lopez, Arik Ringsby, Mandi Selvidge, Paola Chaparro, Joy Cotie, and Lloyd Worth.

THE GREEN CORNER

Editorials by Seventh Day Adventist Academy
Adopters of Carmichael Park

DO YOU LIKE LITTER?

By Brie B., 5th Grade

How many of you walk around and see trash? Do you say, "Yuck!" and pick it up or do you just move on? Do you litter? Did you ever think how litter could affect the community? Well, litter really does hurt Brighton. It can hurt people. It can kill or injure animals (just think about your pet getting hurt). Litter can injure plants, and cigarette butts can cause fires.

Lots of people go to parks and pick up trash because they want the parks to look nice and clean so people will come and see them. But they need your help keeping the parks clean. You can do that by not littering. If everybody does their part, Brighton will become a friendlier place and everyone will want to go to the parks.



HELP KEEP THE PARKS CLEAN

By Jeshua V., 4th Grade

How would you like it if your car was messy? If you don't like that, think about the parks. The parks don't like to be messy either. Also, people don't like them messy. Do you like them messy? Litter makes the plants sick and trees sick. Litter makes the parks smelly and not look good. Help the parks stay clean by throwing your trash in the trash cans!

LOCK UP LITTER

By Isabella G., 5th Grade

Trash is everywhere! It's in the parks, on people's lawns and in the streets. Everywhere! But half the time trash is not in the trash cans. Littering is trash anywhere but in the trash can. People usually litter because they don't want to find a trash can.

Think of it this way: What if you invited your friends over for a party at your clean house? What if they made a mess in your home? You would not be happy. Parks are like everyone's home. If litter is everywhere, someone else has to clean it up. So be kind to yourself, the environment, the animals and the people of Brighton, and throw your trash away in a trash can. Lock up litter!

Did You Know...

Did you know that if you have a concern, pothole complaint, street sweeping request, or parks maintenance issue, you can report it online at www.brightonco.gov?

Just click on "Report a Concern" and fill out the form that applies to your request. City staff will immediately receive your online form and provide a response in a timely manner.

REPORT A CONCERN



EAGLE VIEW ADULT CENTER NEWS

Craft Fair and Bake Sale

Saturday, Nov. 1
8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

This annual event has 57 vendors selling handmade craft items. Eagle View volunteers will be selling food and baked goods! Don't miss one of our community's greatest events!

Gift Certificates

Never sure what to give your parents for holidays and birthdays? How about a gift certificate for programs, classes and trips at the Eagle View Adult Center? These custom-made certificates can be purchased at the front desk anytime throughout the year.

Conversations about Dementia

Thursday, Dec. 4
6 p.m.

With the holidays approaching, you may be seeing your older relatives and need some tips. This class offers tips on how to have honest and caring conversations with family members about going to the doctor, deciding when to stop driving and making legal and financial plans. It will be led by Karen Moravek from the Alzheimer's Association. The class is free but pre-registration is required.

The Eagle View Adult Center is located at 1150 Prairie Center Parkway. For more information, please contact 303-655-2075.

YESTERDAY
Beatles Tribute Band

Live at the **ARMORY**

FRI NOV 21 8PM
tix online at brightonarmory.org

ARMORY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
300 STRONG STREET • BRIGHTON, CO

2. **STAY CONNECTED**

RECREATION CENTER NEWS



TEEN EVENTS

There are great trips and activities being offered through the Teen Department. It's a great way to create memories with friends. Join us for some or all of them! Full information can be found online or in our brochure.

Holiday Recipes and Crafts

Wednesdays, Nov, 5-19 from 2:30-5 p.m. Ages 8-15. \$10.

All Day Extravaganza with skydiving, lunch & bowling

Saturday, Nov. 15. 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Ages 11-18. \$70.

Snow Tubing and Beau Jo's pizza

Tuesday, Dec 30. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Ages 11-18 years old. \$45

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

Kids will learn kitchen safety practices, food prep, understanding recipes, proper use of equipment and measuring plus enjoy sampling the snacks they make in class. For ages 7-12 years. Offered Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Offered November 12-26 or December session: 3-17. \$25 per session.

KITCHEN BASICS FOR KIDS

Our young friends are introduced to basic concepts such as understanding ingredients, mixing, measuring, and instructions by creating no bake snacks, beverages and different playdough. For ages 4-6. Meets Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Offered November 11-25 or December session: 2-16. \$15 per session.

"THE ELVES & THE SHOEMAKER"

This play features youth ages 8-18 years old from the community who have been rehearsing and training since September to bring you this holiday classic. Performances will be held at the Armory Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. Admission is \$6 per person and available at the door.

Walk-In Winter Registration

Residents Only - in person only:
(within legal City limits with proof of residency)
December 11, 2014 beginning at 7 a.m.

Open Registration - in person only:
December 12, 2014 beginning at 7 a.m.

Online Registration

Open to Brighton residents starts at noon on
December 11, 2014

Open Online registration starts at noon on
December 12, 2014

Phone Registration

Accepted on:
December 13, 2014 after 7 a.m.

Recreation Center Programming

Fridays, 7 - 10 PM

Kids Nite Out

for more information: www.kidniteout.org

Monday, 11/24

Winter Brochure available for pick up or online at
www.brightonco.gov

Thursday, 11/27

Recreation Center closed in observation of Thanksgiving.

Friday, 11/28

Work off your holiday meal before you hit the malls.
Open 5:30 a.m.!

Wednesday, 12/24

Recreation Center closes at noon in observation of Christmas Eve.

Thursday, 12/25

Recreation Center closed in observation of Christmas.

Friday, 12/26

Recreation opens at 5:30 a.m.!

Wednesday, 12/31

Recreation Center closes at 5 p.m., re-opening at 5:30 a.m. on 1/2/15!

30th Annual 5K Run/Walk Race
TURKEY TROT

SAT, NOV 22
8:30 AM RACE TIME
brightonco.gov/turkeytrot





Brighton
19th Annual
FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS
Parade and Winter Festival
in Historic Downtown Brighton
"A Hometown Holiday Tradition"
Saturday, December 13, 2014
Parade Begins at 5 p.m.
Stay connected at:
www.brightonco.gov/festivaloflights

WINTER FESTIVAL 2 - 5 PM
Historic City Hall 22 South 4th Avenue
This year's Winter Festival will be packed with many activities for the family including a visit from Santa, free kids' activities, great food, live entertainment and much more.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS PARADE 5 PM
Main Street and Bridge Street
This nighttime parade is a Brighton tradition with over 75 entries from around the region. There are always plenty of surprises! Please dress warm for this evening event.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
to volunteer or sponsor please call at 303-655-2218. You can also stay connected at brightonco.gov/festivaloflights

Festival of Lights is still open for sponsorship, would your organization like to contribute to being a part of the Hometown Holiday Tradition?

Find out how at www.brightonco.gov/festivaloflights



COMMUNITY VOICE
Let your voice be heard.
start by logging onto
brightonco.gov

YOUR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor Dick McLean
303-655-2266
Kirby Wallin, Mayor Pro-Tem, Ward 1
303-655-2261
Joan Kniss, Ward 1
303-655-2265
Rex Bell, Ward 2
303-655-2268
Cynthia A. Martinez, Ward 2
303-655-2264
Lynn Baca, Ward 3
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Ken Kreutzer, Ward 3
303-655-2267
J. W. Edwards, Ward 4
303-655-2260
Mark Humbert, Ward 4
303-655-2269

City Calendar

november

1	Eagle View Adult Center Craft Fair, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
3	Liquor License Authority meeting, 6 p.m., City Hall
4	City Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall
5	Parks & Rec Advisory Board meeting, 5:30 p.m., Rec Center
8	The Duhks, 8 p.m., Armory Performing Arts Center
11	Veteran's Day – City offices closed
13	Historic Preservation Commission meeting 6 p.m., Hist. City Hall
18	City Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall
21	Beatles Tribute Band, 8 p.m., Armory Performing Arts Center
22	Turkey Trot 5k Run/Walk , 8:30 a.m., Rec Center
25	City Council Study Session, 6 p.m., City Hall
27-28	Thanksgiving holiday – City offices closed

Dates are subject to change.



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december

1	Liquor License Authority meeting, 6 p.m., City Hall
2	City Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall
3	Parks & Rec Advisory Board meeting, 5:30 p.m., Rec Center
5	Face, 8 p.m., Armory Performing Arts Center
9	City Council Study Session, 6 p.m., City Hall
11	Historic Preservation Commission meeting 6 p.m., Hist. City Hall
13	Festival of Lights
16	City Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall